



# Clark County Shooting Complex Advisory Committee PUBLIC MEETING

6:30pm Tuesday April 16, 2013

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89155

## MEETING MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Lurie-Chair, Linda Lane-Vice Chair, Art Dixon, Chuck Burnett, Eric Loden, Kevin Kelley, Martin Olson, Neil Dille, Robert Gaudet, Roy Clark, and Scott Lofgren

**MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):** Reginald Beatty

**ATTENDANCE:** 11

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jane Pike Director of Parks and Recreation, Steve Carmichael Complex Administrator, Iris Kikuchi Secretary, Leslie Riesen Office Specialist, Doug Miles Rec/Cult Specialist, Kip Rahmig Shooting Complex Specialist, and Betty-jane Kuhlendahl Public Services Specialist

**NOTICE POSTED:** Clark County Government Center Lobby, Clark County Web site: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov>, Regional Justice Center, Paradise Community Center, Desert Breeze Community Center, Winchester Community Center, Clark County Shooting Complex (Complex Office, Shotgun Center, Rifle-Pistol Center)

### **I CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Chair Ron Lurie
- B. Silence all cellular phones and pagers.
- C. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law-**CONFIRMED**

### **II PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **III ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

- A. Roll call was taken. Eleven (11) board members are present. A quorum was met.

### **IV ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A. The meeting agenda of April 16, 2013 was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Art Dixon, second by Linda Lane.
- B. The minutes of the Mar 19, 2013 meeting was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Art Dixon, second by Linda Lane.

### **V PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- A. None to report.

### **VI STAFF REPORTS:** Steve Carmichael, Complex Manager presented the Shooting Complex Briefing:

- A. Children on the range, at what age do we say no?
  - Steve requests that committee discuss the allowance of children on the range; and the level of supervision necessary by the parent/adult. The shooting complex is family-oriented and has been successful reaching families and children. There are currently adults coming to the range with 3-4 children and children are not being properly supervised. At what age do we limit children who are actively shooting on the firing line? If under 16 yrs old, do they need to be individually controlled and supervised? We need committee opinion and discussions, as we don't want to discourage junior shooters, or do we need to change the wording to state that children need to be supervised one-on-one. Parents are bringing their toddler children on the firing line and customers are concerned that the child will run away from parent and run down range during open shooting.
  - Linda Lane suggests posting signs that unattended children will be asked to leave the premises.



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- Roy Clark supports the shooting complex position to limit children. A father with six, 6-yr old boy scouts will not work, as the adult in charge is not able to supervise all scouts if he is training and/or shooting. Roy feels CCSC needs to use their discretion and present an age limit like soccer leagues.
- Art Dixon comments that parents shouldn't teach their own children to shoot and allow Line Officers to teach and guide child.
- Chuck Burnett would disagree. He instructs family members and nothing has gone wrong. He suggests setting an arbitrary rule on wrong things at the range. Unruly and unsatisfied customers are wrong, although customers may say that CCSC are picking on their child. He continues that there needs to be a youth fee and needs to be supervised by adult, and opposed to charge when there is more than one shooter.
- Kip Rahmig, Shooting Range Specialist, adds that he has observed 3-month old children in strollers who cannot hold up ear muffs and/or will not wear protective covering for their eyes and ears. It is happening more and more lately and distracts other shooters on the line.
- Kevin Kelly comments that CCSC introduces non-participating children to the sport, but a child in a bassinet is not getting into the sport. The adult needs to provide reasonable supervision with one on 3 children at the most and 1 on 6 children is too much. What numbers do we need to make this work? One adult to 10 children is not possible, suggests limiting age to 6 yrs old and on the other hand, I would want to take my 4yr old shooting.
- Martin Olson suggests allowing **only paid shooters on the firing line**. Spectators will need to be behind the fence. Youngster's not participating need to watch so there is plenty of room behind yellow line. Maybe maintenance can paint a line to create a spot for children in a specific area behind the fence.
- Kip comments that if a Dad takes 3 children shooting, one kid is on the ground playing, the other one is in the walkway or dirt area while he is teaching the third child. The father is not taking care of two of them as their caregiver. Maybe Dad needs to put them in the seat next to their table.
- Ron Lurie suggests more signage that children need to be behind the bench. Kip responds that it is already in the rules. Steve adds that it is on the waiver, In the Safety video and on all the yellow signs around the complex.
- Neil Dille suggests limiting the junior age, same age for acquiring legal hunting licenses at age 12.
- Darlene Smith, User Group-Precision Marksmanship, comments that she keeps kids at arm length, as they would be exposed to lead contamination and children must be able to discern policy.
- Ron asks if we have any information from other ranges to compare the same situation. Steve adds that children under 16 yrs are our most concern and left open to discuss. Some children start shooting at 5-6 yrs old. One-on-one is not a problem and we can talk more about fees later in the meeting. Ron suggests checking other ranges before making decision on changing age limit. Chuck suggests setting age limit to 6 yrs and older to be able to shoot on the firing line. Steve comments how do we handle the "family-oriented facility" that we advertise? Chuck complies with posting information that children must be attended at all times and need to have another parent to watch child while other parent shoots.
- Bob Gaudet notes that children can get away from parents in a heartbeat and out of control and into the firing line. Children should be limited to 1-2 per adult shooter.
- Mary Regan represents 4-H Shooting Sports, limits shooters to 9 yrs old if unsupervised. Not sure how one on one would work although one to 2 children is reasonable and up to 6 kids per adult will not work and should be back behind the fence.

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- Kevin agrees with Martin that kids should sit back if not participating while Dad is shooting. **Only active shooters are allowed on the firing line.** If parent has more than one child, then second or third child will not be supervised.
- Ron comments that it becomes a safety issue that needs to be controlled on the firing line. Parents can't supervise while shooting and we need to pass this on for the Range Safety Officer to control.
- Linda adds that Ben Avery Shooting Range in Phoenix, AZ, limits children under 5 yrs old are not allowed on the range.
- Robert Swan, part-time CCSC Range Safety Officer suggests that Rangemaster be allowed to use discretion. 4-5 yrs old may be excellent in shooting whereas a larger built person can handle a gun while smaller stature cannot. Roy suggests adopting this concept and Rangemaster discretion is key. Art adds that if a Rangemaster sees an unsafe act, a Rangemaster must be able to stop the wrongful action. Ron likes the idea of empowering Rangemasters as they are doing a great job and we need to support them.
- Martin comments that what is discretionary to you may not be discretionary to another Rangemaster. Rules need to be hard and fast. **Kid's not shooting need to be behind the fence to settle the issue.** Chuck notes that if we allow discretion, and then CCSC takes ownership. Martin adds that we don't want to lose family participation and not everyone agrees and may run into problem with using discretion.
- *Linda Lane motions to add signage for children under 16yrs old that they may not be unattended on the range. Children under 5 yrs old not permitted on the range. Bob Gaudet seconds the motion. Committee unanimously approved the motion.*

## B. Discussion of all Action items listed in Section VIII.

- Steve notes that all handouts were previously sent to committee for review and to send comments to Steve a week ago. He received 6 responses to most of the topics that are for possible action.

## VII COMMITTEE MEMBER'S DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Roy Clark refers to an email received by CCSC, namely Betty-jane Kuhlendahl, regarding a request for volunteers to assist at Gun Shows slated for 2013. Betty-jane introduced volunteer Hosts Tom and Sharilyn Cost who manage and operate all the trade and gun shows. BJ would like to have committee participate if available.
- Tom Cost welcomes all User Groups and encourages them to bring copies/flyers to the front office to hand out at the gun shows. Drop them off a week before the shows. He welcomes committee members to volunteer their time and to contact the main office by leaving their information for him to contact. The timeline for most shows are Saturdays from 9am-5pm and Sundays from 9am-4pm. Volunteers need to be there at least an hour before the show starts. It is interesting to see how many customers stop by that still do not know about the range. Ron suggests contacting BJ at the main office if interested in volunteering. Ron asked BJ to resend email sent to committee members that haven't received the information, and include Iris Kikuchi, Secretary.

## VIII ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Items in section A, B, C, D, E1, E2, E3 and E4 are related to fees and would have to go before the Board of County Commissioner's (BCC) for final approval.
- A. **Junior fees** – Action Item: Discussion by the committee with a consensus of no fees for Junior Shooters. Question, should there be some type of fee for ages 13-17 yrs, while agreed by some members, 13 yrs and younger should not incur a fee. Comments that junior fee for the Archery range change to \$3 per shooter.

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Steve notes that there will be two votes: Suggest changing to \$5 fee for shooters 13-17 yrs old at Rifle-Pistol Center and \$3 fee for juniors at the Archery Center. *Vote: Motion by Roy Clark for no changes in Junior fees, Second by Art Dixon. Committee unanimously approved there will be no fee change for junior shooters at the Rifle-Pistol and Archery range. Agenda item failed.*

- **B. Adult Fees at Public Rifle-Pistol Center** – Action Item: the \$7 fee at the RP range feedback was unanimous for raising the fee an additional \$2, therefore suggest changing fee to \$9 per adult line fee. The additional \$150 million revenue will keep the level of safety needed at the public range. The purchase of a multiple visit pass for \$90 will allow customers 12-line visits instead of the 11-visit pass that we are currently selling, giving customers a \$7.50 daily rate. Archery fee for adult will remain at \$7 and separated from the Rifle-Pistol line fee. *Vote: Motion by Ron Lurie, Second by Roy Clark. Seven (7) committee members agree to the suggested changes and four (4) members (Martin Olson, Art Dixon, Kevin Kelly and Bob Gaudet) voted nay. Motion is approved.*
- **C. Building Rental** – Action Item: Standard (30 students), Large (60 students) and Extra-large (90 students) Training Room Fees. Suggest changing Commercial fees at a 25% increase from the Community (non-profit) rates. The rates include changes to fewer than 4 hrs, 4-8 hrs and over 8 hr fees. Fee changes would be effective July 1, 2013. *Vote: Motion by Roy Clark, Second by Art Dixon. Committee unanimously approves the fee changes set forth in the meeting Agenda.*
- **D. Per Shooter Rates for Registered User Groups** – Action Item: Suggest changing shooter fees \$6 to \$8 for community (non-profit) groups and \$10 to \$12 for Commercial groups with a minimum range fee of \$25. *First vote: Motion by Ron Lurie, Second by Eric Loden. Committee unanimously approves per shooter fees. Second vote: Motion by Roy Clark, Second by Linda Lane. Committee motions and unanimously approves the minimum range fee to user groups of \$25.*
- **E1. Night-Light Fee** – Action Item: Suggest changing fee from \$15 to \$25. *Vote: Motion by Roy Clark, Second by Ron Lurie. Committee approves with two members (Martin Olson and Bob Gaudet) voting nay.*
- **E2. Failure to Notify of Cancellation** – Action Item: Currently \$25 per incident, suggest adding \$50 for second offense, and \$100 for third offense, plus suspension of remaining dates. Cancellation period will remain at 14-days. *Vote: Motion by Kevin Kelly, Second by Scott Lofgren. Committee approves with one member (Linda Lane) voting nay.*
- **E3. Clean up Fee** – Action Item: Currently \$15 per man hour. Suggest same fee plus \$50 penalty fee. *Vote: Motion by Art Dixon, Second by Roy Clark. Committee unanimously approves penalty fee.*
- **E4. Overnight Storage/Set-Up Fees at the Education Center** – Action Item: Suggested fees for basic room storage at \$25 Community fee, \$32 Commercial fee. *Vote: Motion by Kevin Kelley for no storage or overnight fee, Second by Art Dixon. Committee unanimously approves no storage fees – agenda item failed.*
- **F Winter Hours** – Action Item: Suggestion to change hours of operation during winter months of November 1 through March 1, opening at all centers on Wednesday 7am-10pm, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am-5pm. *Vote: Committee motions to table agenda item and acquire more information to make a final decision. Motion by Kevin Kelley, Second by Art Dixon. Committee unanimously approves motion to table agenda item.*

## IX CORRESPONDENCE:

A. None to report.

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## X PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Bill Schwarz, User Group-Safety First, reiterates that he hates to see NDOW blocking the 100yd range at the Education Center, due to the noise being a distraction for students taking class in classroom E. He would like CCSC to resolve this issue and possibly put up a cinder block wall to ward off the noise. Darlene Smith adds that a cork board would work as well. Neil Dille comments that it takes mass to stop sound.
- B. Question from Neil Dille about the dining area at the Shotgun Center and when will we have food service available? Steve responds that it has been about 30 days that the State of NV Blind Industries (BEN) made an offer to the county to purchase the entire equipment including tables and chairs in the indoor and outdoor dining area. The county would like to take control of the kitchen equipment and we have 3-4 operators interested in operating the kitchen. Once we get that wrapped up it will be purchased in the next fiscal year 2014. Neil asks if CCSC will ever have gaming and alcohol at the Shotgun Center. Steve responds no, and states it is a thing of the past. We are in a new environment, new people and a new world.
- C. Neil questions why RV Campsites are only 20% filled. He comments that we need more advertising and marketing to fill the RV sites. It's a great deal! Steve responds that an article will be coming out soon in Motor Home magazine. The public seems to be finding us through the CCSC website and public knowledge.
- D. Martin respectfully adds to Bill Schwarz's comments that there are 20 spots at the Education Center 50 yd range and User Groups can share the range using their own Range Safety Officers and splitting the range to 10 shooters each. The NDOW hunting education classes are mandated by State laws and students complain about failing due to the distraction of noise coming from the 100yd range. There are 3 rooms and 30 spots, which I could block off 10 spots and the other User Groups, can reserve the remaining 20 spots on the 50 yd range. It can be done and the range can be cleared during cease fire agreed among the User Groups that are reserving the range.

## XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

- A. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 21, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Government Center in the Pueblo Room.

## XII ADJOURNMENT

- A. Steve passed out a *draft* copy of the summer 2013 Rimfire League that will start on June 20 through August 22 at 6:30pm at the Rifle-Pistol range. It will be family oriented using .22 caliber long rifles and handguns. Review the information and bring back at next month's meeting.
- B. Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

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